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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2001, please  
amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 4-9 with the following amended claims:

- 1 4. (Amended) A needlefelt for a ball covering, said needlefelt  
2 comprising an entanglement of fibres formed by the needlefelting of a fibre batt  
3 passed through a needlefelting machine having at least one needleboard  
4 providing barbed needles to penetrate the surface of said batt in a range of angles  
5 including a plurality of angles which are non-perpendicular with respect to the  
6 surface of the batt, and wherein said needlefelt is cut or otherwise shaped to  
7 form a blank adapted at least partially to cover a ball.

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